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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)  
SUB: VISIT OF SECRETARY TO IRAN

REF: (A) TEHRAN 7246, (B) TEHRAN 7247, (C) STATE 180686, (D) TEHRAN  
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1. MAY I PLEASE BESPEAK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING A CERTAIN  
CONFUSION WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE CROPPED UP IN CONNECTION WITH  
YOUR UPCOMING VISIT TO IRAN. WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO CARRY OUT  
YOUR WISHES AS BEST WE CAN, BUT WE SEEM TO BE GETTING CONFLICT-  
ING INDICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI.

2. WHEN I FIRST DISCUSSED YOUR VISIT WITH MINISTER OF COURT  
ALAM, I MADE IT CLEAR THAT YOU WANTED TO ABIDE BY THE WISHES  
OF THE IMPERIAL COURT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AS TO THE  
ARRANGEMENTS. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED  
REFTEL (A). SUBSEQUENTLY, WE RECEIVED REFTL (C). THIS IN  
TURN WAS OVERTAKEN BY REFTL (D). WHEN I SAW THE SHAH  
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, HE NOTED THAT HE HAD HAD A TELEGRAM  
FROM AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI THAT MORNING STATING THAT YOU  
WISHED TO BE AT NOWSHAHR DURING YOUR STAY IN IRAN, OR  
PUT IN THE SHAH'S EXACT WORDS, "I UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
SECRETARY WISHES TO BE UP NORTH DURING HIS TWO DAYS  
HERE." WE DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS. IT ENDED BY THE  
SHAH VERY GRACIOUSLY SAYING, "IF SECRETARY KISSINGER  
WISHES TO BE AT NOWSHAHR, OF COURSE WE WILL BE HAPPY TO  
MAKE THIS POSSIBLE."

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3. IN CONVEYING TO ME YOUR WISHES, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT I WOULD NOT BE DOING MY JOB IF I DID NOT ASK YOU TO KEEP IN MIND CERTAIN FACTORS WHICH ARE RELEVANT:

(1) NOWSHAHR, RAMSAR, AND THE TOWNS BETWEEN ARE RESORT TOWNS AND THIS IS THE HEIGHT OF THE SUMMER SEASON FOR IRANIANS.

(2) COMMUNICATIONS WERE DIFFICULT ENOUGH FROM ISFAHAN THE LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE, THEY WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT AT THE CASPIAN. (YOUR PLANE MUST REMAIN IN TEHRAN, SO IT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMO SERVICE AS VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER'S WAS AT KISH ISLAND LAST MARCH.)

(3) THE WEATHER AT THE CASPIAN IS HUMID AND CAN BE HOT AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

(4) AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO READING ON WHERE YOUR SECRETARIAT AT NOWSHAHR WOULD BE SET UP, BUT PERHAPS THERE IS ROOM IN THE RAMBLER-TYPE BEACH HOUSE WHERE YOU WOULD BE STAYING, A GOOD WALK FROM THE SHAH'S RELATIVELY MODEST ACCOMMODATIONS AT RAMSAR THE SHAH'S PALACE HAS ONLY ONE BEDROOM, SO YOU WOULD PROBABLY BE AT THE GRAND HOTEL NEXT DOOR. THESE TOWNS ARE ONE HOUR'S DRIVE APART.

4. REGRET HAVING TO TROUBLE YOU WITH THESE DETAILS. NONE OF THEM ARE INSURMOUNTABLE AND I AM QUITE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER YOU DECIDE WILL BE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO THE SHAH AND THE GOI, WHO AS USUAL WANT TO BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS POSSIBLE. I AM SURE YOU KNOW THAT ON OUR PART WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR VISIT COMFORTABLE AND SUCCESSFUL. WARM REGARDS.  
HELMS

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